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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Forms 1449A/PTO and 1449B/PTO. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above referenced application.

A copy of each of the listed foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are attached. As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting

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a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication, a copy of each of the listed U.S. patents and each U.S. patent application publication document are not included with the submission of attached Form 1449A/PTO. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

German Patent Application Publication No. DE 42 14 223 A1 discloses a rearview mirror assembly having a precipitation sensor accommodated in the mirror holder (support). Applicants submit that this statement is based on the description in the English abstract and drawings of this document and is not based on any other portion of the document. A copy of the English abstract is enclosed. The undersigned does not read German and makes no representations with respect to the accuracy of the English abstract or the pertinence of the remainder of this document.

German Patent Application Publication No. DE 43 29 983 A1 discloses a roof module having one or more sensors for receiving or transmitting optical and/or electromagnetic radiation. Applicants submit that this statement is based on the description in the English abstract and drawings of this document and is not based on any other portion of the document. A copy of the English abstract is enclosed. The undersigned does not read German and makes no representations with respect to the accuracy of the English abstract or the pertinence of the remainder of this document.

German Patent Application Publication No. DE 197 55 008 A1 discloses an interior mirror having a mounting with at least two sensors. Applicants submit that this statement is based on the description in the English abstract and the drawings of this document and is not

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German Patent Document No. DE 298 05 142 U1 discloses a rearview mirror assembly having what appears to be a rain sensor mounted within the mirror mount. Applicants submit that this statement is based on the drawings of this document and is not based on any other portion of the document. The undersigned does not read German and makes no representations with respect to the pertinence of the remainder of this document.

European Patent No. 0 461 424 B1 discloses a rearview mirror assembly having what appears to be a rain sensor mounted within the mirror mount. Applicants submit that this statement is based on the drawings of this document and is not based on any other portion of the document. The undersigned does not read German and makes no representations with respect to the pertinence of the remainder of this document.

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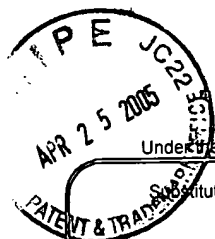
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